

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 22 and 40 are amended. Claims 2 and 4 are amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 43-51 are new. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 has been amended to address the objection noted in ¶ 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 13 has been amended to address the rejection noted ¶ 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-11, 19-32 and 40-42 stand rejected as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claims 1, 19, 22 and 40 each include a “processor” that retrieves and process data and produces, *inter alia*, first and second results that can be stored and retrieved from a variety of storage media. Accordingly, claims 1, 19, 22 and 40 each produce a tangible result and so are directed to statutory subject matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of all outstanding § 101 rejections.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 2-5, 8 and 10 Define over Kucala

Claims 1, 2-5, 8 and 10 stand rejected as being anticipated by Kucala (Pub. No. US2001/0016853A1). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections because the cited art fails to teach or suggest all elements of these claims. For example, claim 1 recites:

retrieving data from a first data source **based on a dynamic link** identifying data in the first data source;

retrieving data from a second data source **based on a dynamic link** identifying data in the second data source;

Kucala fails to teach this subject matter. Kucala discloses reconciling database files on a palmtop with corresponding database files on a PC. Kucala does not teach or suggest dynamic links that can be used, for example, to describe and/or identify data, specify how to read data, or access data identified by a user's input.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 10 depend from independent claim 1 and thus are also allowable.

Claims 12-16, 19, 22-26, 29, 31, 33-37 and 40 Define over Kucala

Independent claims 12, 19, 22, 33 and 40 are allowable over Kucala for at least those reasons provided above with respect to claim 1. Claims 13-16 depend from claim 12; claims 23-26, 29 and 31 depend from claim 22; claims 34-37 depend from claim 33 and thus are allowable as well.

Claims 6-7, 17-18, 20-21, 27-28, 38-39 and 41-42 Define over Kucala and Klein

Claims 6-7, 17-18, 20-21, 27-28, 38-39 and 41-42 stand rejected as obvious over Kucala and Klein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,404,509). Each of these claims depends from an allowable base claim for at least those reasons provided above for independent claims 1,

12, 19, 22, 33 and 40. Accordingly, Applicants request that theses rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 9, 11, 30 and 32 Define over Kucala and Lowell

Claims 9, 11, 30 and 32 stand rejected as obvious over Kucala and Lowell (U.S. Pat. No. 5,341,476). Each of these claims depends from an allowable base claim for at least those reasons provided above for independent claims 1 and 22. Accordingly, Applicants request that theses rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

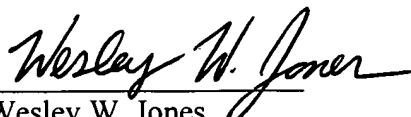
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and favorable action in connection with this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4235 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

All claims are allowable. Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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